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Presidents Message



Happy 2017 to each of you! I hope each of you has enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and my best wishes go to all of you for a successful and happy new year.

As the new UNS President for the upcoming year, first let me congratulate the officers and board members that served the last two years and give them all a sincere "Thank You" for the service and direction that was provided. It has been very enjoyable. The Christmas Dinner and Prizes meeting held in December was a lot of fun for all of us and was very well attended.

The transitional board meeting will be held on Tuesday January 3rd at 6:30 pm at the WCF building on 100 West Towne Ridge Parkway in Sandy. We will do a little orientation (mostly for my benefit) to make sure the duties are understood and in line with club goals. We will also go over the schedule of events for the upcoming year. A map with directions was handed out at the last meeting. If you did not get one or need further information, contact me via email and I will get you the details (darjenL@msn.com).

As is customary, we will have a Bourse Night for the January meeting. Each of you, young and younger, will have the opportunity to try standing in back of the table as

a dealer. Bring your coins, tokens, books, duplicates, (unwanted Christmas drawing items ;-) or other related goods for a fun night of buying, selling, and trading. As always, we will have refreshments. This would be a good night to bring a friend and introduce them to the wonders of numismatics.

On a related note, our membership numbers grew by a dozen or two this last year. For a fun New Year's resolution this year, try to share our hobby with an acquaintance, personal or professional, during the upcoming months and invite them to become members of the UNS. Unlike many areas in the U.S. where memberships and interest in numismatics is dwindling, our area still maintains a high level of interest and participation in the hobby. We are all part of the UNS because we maintain at least one common interest that joins us for at least one night a month. Let's try to increase the membership again this year.

As I mentioned previously, this will be my first year as UNS President, and will be a new and interesting experience. I express my thanks to all of you for the support you have shown me. I ask for your continued support and patience as I learn "the ropes." Please feel free to give me or other board members your comments and suggestions for improvements and ideas for monthly meetings and such, and we will do our best to make the club and monthly meetings beneficial and interesting for all of you. We, as club officers and board members, are here to serve you and the UNS.

Sincerely,

Darin Lee

UNS President, 2017

Collecting by Year

People have been known to limit their collections to a series, denomination, or an almost countless number of other ways. Some collect by theme such as ships, trains, or even monarchs on world coins. I'm sure if the members of the UNS were polled you would be surprised at what

our members collect.

A number of years ago there were two interesting collections formed by a couple of enterprising numismatists regarding a specific date. The first consisted of coins only from the year 1796. As you can see by flipping through the pages of the Red Book this is definitely not an

Doug Nyholm

easy year to collect let alone one of everything from 1796. The year 1796 had more unique and 1st year of issue coins than any other date in U.S. Federal coinage. Many of the dates are very expensive just as a date but this collector did not stop at just the date. He also incorporated



COLLECTING
1796
INCLUDES SOME
GREAT RARITIES

all the die varieties of each denomination, of which back in the early days of the mint there were quite a few. He also attempted to acquire every coin in the finest condition available. This collection was

auctioned several years ago by Stacks which was showcased is a separate catalogue solely dedicated to these coins dated 1796. This collection was by the way formed by the Werner Family.

Another collector who was nicknamed "Mr. 1873" also collected coins from a single specific date. Although 1873 is not as significant for rarities as 1796 there are still some rarities as well as

a large number of coins available from this date. 1873 was notable for coins depicting arrows or no arrows at the date as well and those with no arrows. Also multiple denominations can be collected with an open 3 in the date as well as a closed 3. If you look this date up you will be surprised at just how many varieties are collectable. There is even one coin which is recorded as being struck by the mint but no surviving examples are known today. This collector "Mr. 1873" was Harry X. Bosel and his name will always be remembered by numismatists. Also notable is that Mr. 1873 collected foreign coins bearing the date 1873. His collections were sold during the 1970's and 80's.

Both of these years were very interesting for collectors then and now





but no one since has ever collected individual years to such an extent. Both these years consisted of coins well beyond the simple date as varieties were included.

Presently there are most likely collectors who focus on an individual date but in the 20th century the choices for such extensive collections are much more limited. I knew a collector back in 1999 that in thinking about the year 2000 put together a date set of coins from 1900. Many collectors put together sets of coins from their birth years or at least a proof set from their birth year. What other years would you find interesting if a date set were to be attempted? One comes to mind is 1982. There are at least 8 different Lincoln cents which when added to the proofs, mint sets, and commemoratives will make a respectable total of coins. There was the recent mint set from 2009 which consisted of 36 coins and when added to the proof issues and commemoratives also amounts to a good number of coins. The only limit is your imagination.

One of my favorite years is one which has a minimum number of coins but is steeped in history as to the reason why. This is 1815, and it is immediately notable as the only year in the history of the mint

which saw no cents struck. In fact there were only 3 coins struck in 1815 and only the quarter is readily affordable. The half only comes as an overdate, 1815/2, and also is known for two Overton

varieties. The quarter is scarce but there are two varieties available which are two of the most mysterious coins in the U.S. register of coins. These are 1815 quarters over stamped with an "L" and an "E"

1873
INCLUDES
OPEN &
CLOSED
THREE'S



over the cap of liberty. Definitely the subject of another story if you're not familiar with these coins. Finally there is the very rare 1815 \$5 Half Eagle of which only 10 are known. If you're interested in putting a denomination set of 1815 together now is your chance. All three coins are available in Heritage's FUN auction next week.

So whatever you collect there is no right or wrong way, we are just involved in the Hobby of Kings and everyone can have fun.

Shown here is a complete silver and gold mint set for the year 1815.

If you wanted to get real serious and collect all the varieties of this date you would have only two Overton varieties for the half. The quarter has but a single variety but adding the counter stamped pieces with an E and L you could add two more. Finally the 1815 half eagle is known by only a single variety designated BD-1.



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MONTH

Quiz Answers

Poker Chip—\$10	Tombstone—\$10	Porthole- \$5
Buffalo- \$10	Woodchopper-\$5	Black Eagle-\$1
Silver Dollar—\$5	Chief-\$5	Battleship-\$2
Technicolor-\$20	Watermelon-\$100	Lazy Deuce-\$2
Martha Wash-\$1	Funny Back-\$1	





Large date (above) and Small Date (below) Notice the distance of the 2 from the rim.

Newly Discovered 1982-D Small Date Copper Cent

A very interesting discovery was reported in the Jan. 3rd issue of 'Numismatic News'. It has long been known that there are seven different varieties of 1982 Lincoln cents. This was due to the change in allowing from copper to copper plated zinc in mid-1982. The change was due to the rising costs of copper making production of cents significantly above one cent. Additionally, at the same time two varieties were created, one with a small date and the other with a large date. In regard to these different size dates the other font on the obverse of the coin was also modified. The reason for this is that when the new zinc planchet was placed into use the coins would not strike as well as the old copper planchets due to the hardness of the metal. One solution was to slow down the presses but then it was discovered that by making the date (and other lettering) thinner the press speed could be raised to normal. This smaller date and thinner font allowed the metal flow to increase and improve striking.

The above modifications resulted in seven varieties as listed below:

1982	Large Date	Copper
1982	Large Date	Zinc
1982	Small Date	Copper
1982	Small Date	Zinc
1982-D	Large Date	Copper
1982-D	Large Date	Zinc
1982-D	Small Date	Zinc
1982-D	Small Date	Copper (Discovery Coin)

AT LEFT IS THE
EIGHT VARIETIES
NOW KNOWN



Discovery Coin

The composition of these cents can be most easily determined only by weight. The older copper coins weigh 3.1g while the zinc coins are only 2.5g. Many collectors have sought to find a 1983 coin struck on an old copper planchet similar to the 1944 cents struck on the old 1943 steel planchets. Obviously the 1944 change is much easier to spot and a few dozen of those have been discovered. With the 1983 cents on the old copper planchets a few have been found and initially sold for significant sums of money. Interestingly several copper planchets have been discovered with dates years after their demise in 1982. Three 1989-D copper cents have been certified as well as a single 1990-D coin. Apparently planchets

can be lost or left over for years only to be placed into current coin-ing bins and struck.

Getting back to the 1982-D Small Date copper discovery piece it is entirely possible and probably likely that additional examples are out there waiting to be discovered. If you have time on your hands and a fulcrum or gram scale you may want to acquire five or

ten thousand Lincoln cents and spend a few evenings (or months) weighing each one of them. Who knows, you may find a second example or a date and mint which has yet to be discovered. So far have all have been from the Denver mint but the possibility exists that an off metal coin may have emanated from Philadelphia as well. Keep looking and cherry-picking, you

never know what will be found.



A couple of Christmas dinner pictures

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MS62 PCGS



1872-CC Double Eagle
MS60 PCGS



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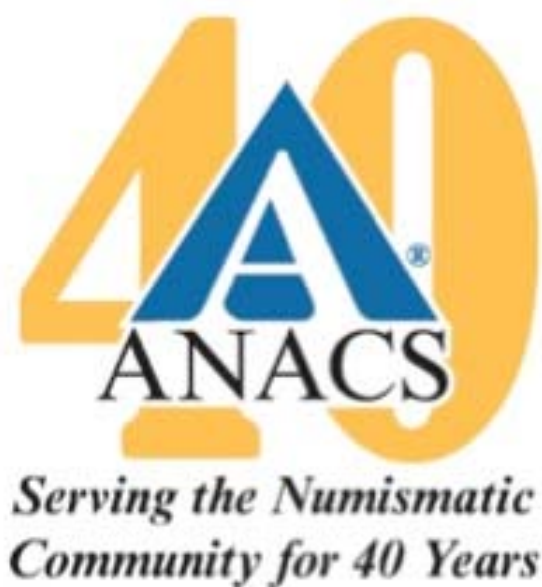
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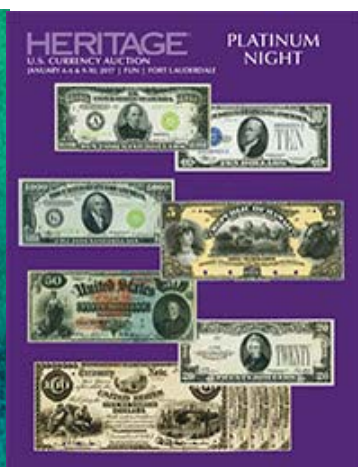
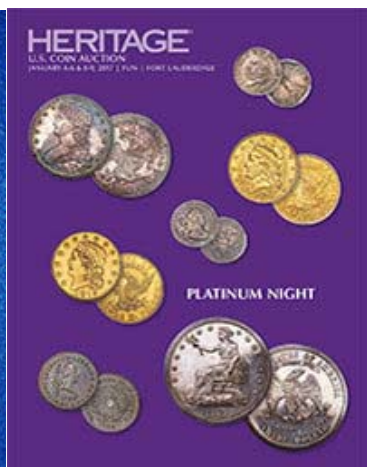
FUN CONVENTION

One of the premiere auctions each year is the FUN auction by Heritage each January in Florida. This year it will be held in Ft. Lauderdale during January 4-6 with both Signature and Platinum sessions. This event along with the fall ANA convention are two of the auctions which con-

sistently showcase the rarest of the rare. They are also jam-packed with hundreds of other desirable coins. As I have stated, most numismatists will never purchase a coin from their platinum auction but anything can happen. More likely reasonable priced coins for most collectors' budgets

will be obtained from the signature event. Both offer wonderful opportunities and coins. FUN will also offer Platinum and signature events for paper currency so whatever your interest is you will be tempted.

I always enjoy flipping through the pages of



these catalogues (and there are four this year) especially the Platinum auctions. There is usually a great deal of information regarding the coins in the descriptions as well as history regarding the issues. Million dollar coins are not uncommon during these auctions and I suspect that 2017 will add at least one million dollar coin. My guess is that it may be the example of the 1884 Trade Dollar of which only 10 exist. The one being offered is ex-King Farouk-Norweb specimen and is graded PCGS PF-63. The existence of the 1884 and 1885 Trade dollars were not known until the early 20th century. It has been reported that they were possibly struck after 1884 and/or were struck specifically for well connected numismatists. According to the auction description





1884 Trade Dollar

1. Idler acquired the first 10 proof 1884 Trade dollars delivered on January 19 before the Treasury Department halted production. He would have done this legally because employees and their friends could acquire current coins from the Mint by exchanging them for the proper amount of bullion. This policy remained in effect through the late 1930s.

2. Idler convinced Superintendent Snowden to save 10 of the proof Trade dollars delivered on January 19, 1884 from destruction. Either Snowden or Idler provided the bullion for exchange so that the Mint's journals would balance.

3. Snowden saved the coins from destruction, provided the bullion, and kept the coins for an unknown period of time. At a later date, Idler acquired the coins from him.

the "Report of The Director of The Mint" reported that 264 proof 1884 Trade Dollars were struck and delivered on January 19, 1884. The Treasury Department soon sent orders to the mint forbidding production or the sale to collectors. William Idler, who was well connected, heard that this order was forthcoming and took advantage of this information just as the production and sale (and most likely the Melting) was to occur and acquired 10 examples which is the total surviving issue known. Presumably all remaining coins were destroyed.

The auction description also lists three possibilities which could have occurred to ensure the survival of these 10 coins as follows:



Much more can be read regarding this coin either in the actual catalog or at HA.com.

Other significant rarities are also included in the sale. One of my personal favorites is the 1802 Half Dime. Many collectors are unaware just how rare or special this coin is. The more glamorous issues are contained in other series much more highly collected such as early large cents, half dollars or silver dollars and gold. This lowly 1802 half dime is one of the foremost rarities in all of U.S. Federal Coinage. The example offered in Heritage's Platinum Night sale is the second finest known and was once owned by the famous collector Eliasberg. It is graded PCGS AU-53, CAC, the

only higher graded example is AU-55. Estimates have varied over the years as to how many survive but the number most accepted is 30-35 specimens. Also the majority of surviving examples are in lower grades with almost 75% of all survivors having some impairments or damage. Additionally indicated in Heritage's description is that a more detailed

research paper will be forthcoming in the future. The publication title is expected to be entitled "Numismatic Background An Census of 1802 Half Dimes."

This is another coin which should sell well into 6-digits and it would not surprise me for it to top half a million dollars.

Other significant coins offered during Platinum

night include ...

1815	Half Eagle	AU Details
	10 Known	
1792	Half Dime	MS-66
1792	Silver Center Cent	VF-30
	14 known	
1828	Half Eagle	MS-62
	9 Known BD-4 Variety	
1839-O	Half Dollar	PR-65
	Finest of 4 Known	

These are just a few of the very special coins offered with most having a special story.

PLATINUM NIGHT CURRENCY

Platinum Night Currency

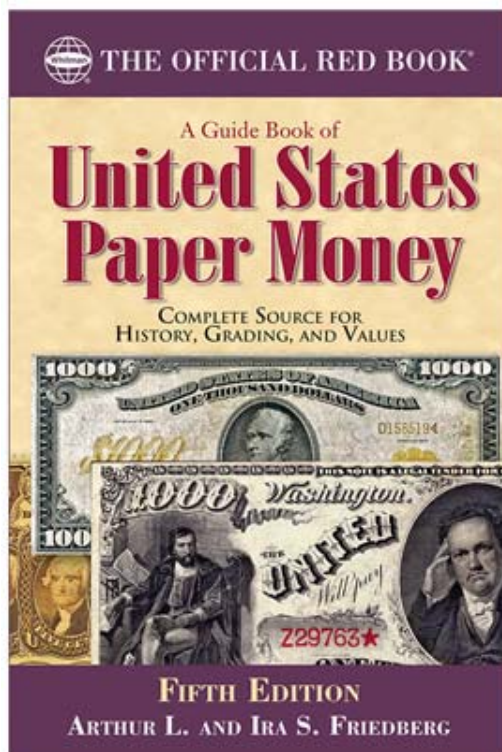
Although a much smaller offering is Heritage's Platinum Night currency offering. It none-the-less has some significant rarities. Although somewhat scarce most major auctions contain a sel-

dom seen \$5000 and \$10000 note and there are several to be offered. The "King" of small size notes, a 1933 \$10 Silver Certificate is also graded PMG 64 is also for sale. Finally a

rare double denomination 1928A \$5/\$10 note is on the block.

There is one of the most coveted special serial numbered notes also offered, A solid "9" 1899 Black Eagle.





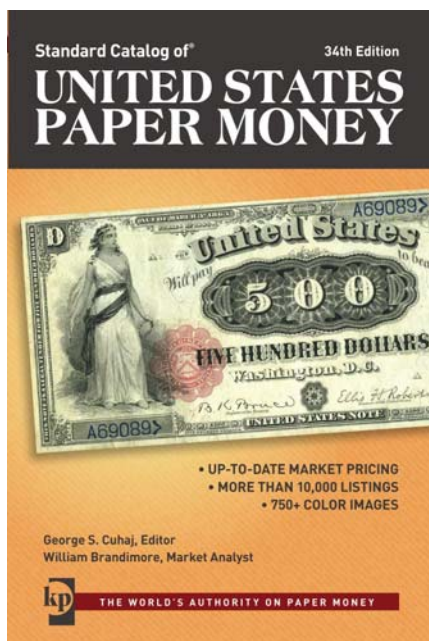
BOOK REVIEW

This book recently published in 2016 is the most recent edition of this resource. It is published by Whitman and consists of 407 pages in full color and is the same size as a Red Book. This reference covers literally all aspects of U.S. Currency including large; small; fractional; Treasury Notes of 1812; encased postage and errors.

Valuations for multiple grades are listed and hi-res color pictures for virtually all known notes are shown. Quantity printed for small size notes are included as well.

For the sake of accuracy the details for fractional, encased postage and error notes is concise but if this is your specialty there are more complete references available. Overall this book will contain the most complete information that 95% of all collectors will ever need.

It is available from Whitman directly or on the internet for \$24.99. I highly recommend this book for your numismatic library.



United States Paper Money / Krause Publications

Although I did not review Krause Publications book on paper money their guide, currently in its 34th edition is also presently available. Pricing is also discounted to \$22.30 and this book is also available on CD for you mobile numismatists. It is also a small format book and consists of 480 pages printed in full color.

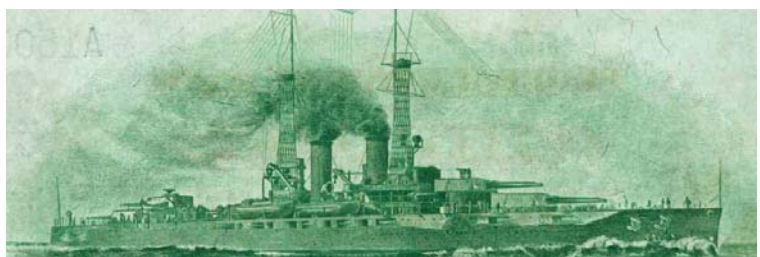
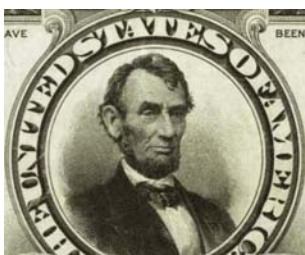
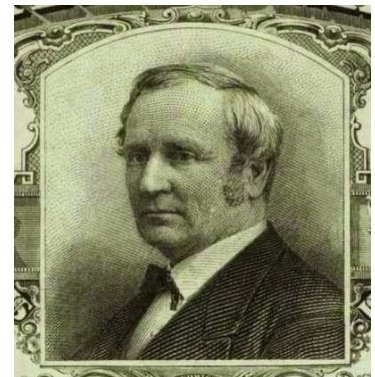
The coverage of MPC is a bit more in depth and it also has a section for Philippine currency.

COIN QUIZ

There are some pieces of currency which are so iconic that just the mention of their nickname caused an instant image of the note to appear in a currency collectors mind. Below is a list of nicknames of some of these notes. This should be an easy quiz but for those who only dabble in currency it may cause one to stop and think a moment. **The goal is to associate each nickname with the denomination of the note.** See how many you can get right.



1. Poker Chip Note
2. Tombstone Note
3. Porthole Note
4. Buffalo Note
5. Woodchopper Note
6. Black Eagle Note
7. Silver Dollar Note
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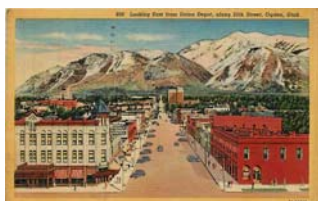


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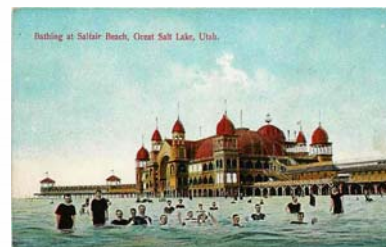
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Junior Prize: **New Zealand Type Set**

Member Prize: **TBA**

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50th Anniversary 1/2 dollar Unc. Kennedy set
Sacagawea 2007 Proof \$
2005 Bison Pf. Nickel
2005 Ocean View Pf. Nickel
Roll Arizona P quarters (state).
Roll New York P quarters (state).
1996 Mint set (with/ W Dime).
Mark Twain Unc. silver \$.
U. S. Marshals 1/2 \$.
2013 circ. Set. Quarters.
1999 P Georgia quarter slab.
1971 S Proof67 nickel slab.
2010 Disabled Vet. Unc. silver \$.
2015 March of Dimes Unc. Silver \$.
2011 circ. Set. Quarters.
2010 circ. Set. Quarters.
1874 VG Indian cent.
2016 Victory in the Pacific 1/2 Oz. Silver WWII Australia
comm.

Promptness

Editors Message

The New Year is upon us as I write this article as well as the entire Mint Master today, New Years Day. Many of you may be aware that my home has been for sale and it appears that it may finally have a buyer. Is so we will be moving probably to Smithfield which is just north of Logan and about 15 miles south of the Idaho border. Now do I need to find a coin club up there and become a newsletter editor or should I remain in my duties for the UNS? First, I don't even know if there is a Logan coin club but I do plan on commuting to Salt Lake for the UNS meetings as well as the local coin shows. Hey, it's not even 100 miles.

I am starting off this year with a new format for the Mint Master. I hope you like it. I just don't want anything to get stale and a new look is always interesting. I know it was the holidays and we were all busy with shopping, family, dinners etc. but I did not get any articles or input from the members other than the monthly standard. I really want to ask you to help me out and send something in for publication. Even if it is only a page or half telling us about that Christmas coin you received or bought yourself. What if you won the lottery, what coin, collection, or set would you splurge on?

We will be having our January coin show later this month and I hope to see all of you there. The last show was a rousing success and we also had a record number of displays, at least in recent history, let's keep the activity high.

I recently read an article about several Australian banks. There are evidently some branch banks in Australia that have zero cash available. Everything is done at these branches electronically. To me this trend is a little scary. I do feel that even the U.S. Government would like to push us to a cashless society but wont they then have control of everything! Even with the purchase and potential sale of my home and my new one I was informed that the state of Utah passed a law prohibiting any cash deals that weren't transacted electronically. The cash or personal check limit is \$10,000. So even if your wealthy and have millions in the bank you cannot



legally in the state of Utah write a personal check to purchase that \$500,000 home. Last year a congressman introduced a bill to eliminate the \$100 and \$50 bills which thankfully didn't pass. But we are all ready relegated to change in our pockets consisting of 3 coins, the nickel, dime, and quarter. I do believe the penny is on its way out and will soon be a memory. What do you think?

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A BRIEF LOOK AT TWO U.S. MINT MEDAL SERIES I COLLECT AND WHY I FIND THEM REWARDING, INTERESTING AND HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

As some of you know, I was a career member of the U.S. Air Force and retired with over 30 years of military service. It is not surprising therefore, that I find the military medal series offered by the Mint to be of special interest to me. While I find all the military medals worthy of collecting, one subset series holds special significance and that is the series of medals that honor the Native American Code Talkers of World Wars I and II. The first medal honored the Navajo Code Talkers as authorized by Congress in 2000. The next series of medals individually honor all remaining tribes, nations and groups as authorized by Congress in 2008. For me, honoring the devotion to duty, bravery, courage, and sacrifices of these Code Talker Warriors was unbelievably long overdue. As a student of Native American culture for over 65 years and understanding the various approaches employed by the U.S. Government to totally destroy all aspects of Native American culture, including their language, I find it truly ironic that a language capability successfully used in World War I and still being purged from existence, would be crucial to success in World War II. Even more surprising is the fact that many would be found that would willingly respond to a call for help from a nation and government who still considered and treated them as savages and subhuman. The tribal warrior societies hold these elders in high esteem. In this series, I collect the smaller 15/16 inch bronze medals which are priced at \$6.95 each plus normal



S/H. This size is easier to handle, protect and store as well as cheaper than the 3 inch size.

The other series of U.S. Mint medals I have really enjoyed collecting have been the First Spouse medals to compliment the Presidential \$1 coin series. I knew from the outset, that collecting the gold First Spouse coins was out of the question based on projected costs of \$20-25,000 and that the uncluttered reverse (no required inscriptions, legends, etc.) canvas of a medal would allow for some great detail in depicting the spouse's contributions. The size used for the medals was the familiar 15/16 inch size with a cost of \$6.95 plus S/H. The annual complete sets offered a substantial savings. The medals issued when there was no first spouse are spectacular.

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